

**MINUTES OF THE  
NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT  
INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, June 15, 2016 – 8:30 a.m. – Room 30 House Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Scott K. Jenkins, Senate Chair  
Rep. Lee B. Perry, House Chair  
Sen. Allen M. Christensen  
Sen. Jani Iwamoto  
Sen. Peter C. Knudson  
Sen. Evan J. Vickers  
Rep. Melvin R. Brown  
Rep. Scott H. Chew  
Rep. Jack R. Draxler  
Rep. Susan Duckworth  
Rep. Stephen G. Handy  
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes  
Rep. Lynn N. Hemingway

Rep. Mike K. McKell  
Rep. Michael E. Noel  
Rep. Derrin Owens

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Margaret Dayton  
Rep. Douglas V. Sagers  
Rep. Scott Sandall

**Staff Present:**

Mr. J Brian Allred, Policy Analyst  
Ms. RuthAnne Frost, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Katie LeFevre, Legislative Assistant

**Note:** A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.leg.utah.gov](http://www.leg.utah.gov).

**1. Committee Business**

Chair Jenkins called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. Sen. Dayton, Rep. Sagers, and Rep. Sandall were excused from the meeting.

**2. Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office (PLPCO) Reports**

Ms. Kathleen Clarke, Director, Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office, reported on the activities of the office and on the current R.S. 2477 Plan. She explained that the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office is waiting for the Utah Supreme Court's interpretation of Utah's Quiet Title Act. She gave an overview of the creation and purpose of the Grazing Working Group. She responded to questions from the committee.

Mr. Roger Fairbanks, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, and Ms. Clarke responded to questions from the committee.

**3. Utah Public Lands Initiative**

Mr. Casey Snider, Legislative Director, Office of Utah Congressman Rob Bishop, updated the committee on Congressman Bishop's work in Washington, D.C., focusing on the public lands proposal by Congressman Bishop. He responded to questions from the committee.

Ms. Nizhou Meza, discussed her background as a native tribal citizen and citizen of the United States. She explained that tribal issues sometimes conflict with state issues. She noted that tribes are sovereign nations and expressed her concerns regarding tribal voice. She responded to questions from the committee.

#### **4. Collection and Use of Accurate Water Use Data—Panel Discussion**

Mr. Todd Adams, Deputy Director, Division of Water Resources, updated the committee on the division's water data collection efforts and the division's response to the Legislative Auditor General's "A Performance Audit of Projections of Utah's Water Needs." He informed the committee that the division is updating its projection model.

Mr. Kent Jones, State Engineer and Director, Division of Water Rights, discussed the collaboration between the Division of Water Rights and the Division of Water Resources in response to the audit. He discussed the Division of Water Rights' improvements in data collection.

Mr. Ken Bousfield, Director, Division of Drinking Water, explained the collaboration of the Division of Water Rights and the Division of Drinking Water in response to the audit. He outlined rule changes the division will present to the Utah Drinking Water Board.

Mr. Walt Baker, Director, Division of Water Quality, explained that the Division of Water Quality did not receive substantial suggestions from the audit. He noted that the division has a consistent and robust data collection process.

#### **5. Audit Report 2014-13: A Performance Review of the Division of Drinking Water's Minimum Source Sizing Requirements**

Mr. Jim Behunin, Audit Supervisor, Office of the Legislative Auditor General, shared the background of the audit and introduced Ms. Andrea Parrish, Audit Supervisor, Office of the Legislative Auditor General.

Ms. Parrish presented a review of the Division of Drinking Water's Minimum Source Sizing Requirements. She explained that the indoor source sizing requirements are too high while outdoor source sizing requirements appear too low. She responded to questions from the committee.

Mr. Bousfield informed the committee that, to date, the Division of Drinking Water has implemented four of the six audit recommendations. He explained the issues identified by the audit and the division's approach to address the issues.

#### **6. State Fair Park**

Mr. Roger Beattie, Chair, Board of Directors, Utah State Fairpark Corporation, shared the background of the Utah State Fair and discussed changes from 2016 General Session S.B. 173, "State Fair Park Revisions." He addressed the need for a multi-use facility at the fair park and presented a proposal for such a facility.

Rep. Sandra Hollins distributed "Contribution Commitment" and expressed her support for the proposal. She outlined the needs of the State Fair Park to become more self-sustaining.

Sen. Luz Escamilla expressed her support for the proposal and emphasized the need to invest in the State Fair Park.

Rep. Brad Wilson outlined the proposed financing for the multi-use facility.

Mr. David Litvak, Deputy Chief of Staff, Salt Lake City Mayor's Office, expressed his support for the proposal and explained how the multi-use facility meets the state's goals in creating a viable State Fair Park.

Mr. Bill Cox, Commissioner, Rich County, expressed support for the proposal and explained how important the Utah State Fair is to rural counties in the state.

**MOTION:** Rep. McKell moved to support the direction of the proposal to build a multi-use stadium at the State Fair Park. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Christensen and Sen. Vickers absent for the vote.

#### **7. Other Committee Business/Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Rep. Draxler moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Christensen and Sen. Vickers absent for the vote.

Chair Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.